



**DIYC Distance Classic
October 26th, 2013
Davis Island Yacht Club, FL**

Sailing Instructions

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1) DEFINITIONS

- a) RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing
- b) DIYC – Davis Island Yacht Club
- c) WFPHRF – West Florida PHRF, Inc.
- d) SR-BOTY – Suncoast Regional Boat of the Year Series
- e) DIYC-BOTY – Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Series

2) RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the SR-BOTY Notice of Series, the DIYC-BOTY Notice of Series, and the WFPHRF Class Rules.

3) ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a) All competitors must comply with the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 3 of the Notice of Race.
- b) Competitors may enter the race by complying with sections 3.5 and 4 of the Notice of Race.

4) NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the downstairs, west wall of the DIYC clubhouse adjacent to the Tiki Bar.

5) SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of DIYC. If a postponement is made ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 45-minutes after the flag AP is lowered.

6) CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0730 the day of the race. If races are postponed ashore, changes to the sailing instructions can be posted at any time prior to the lowering of the AP flag.

7) SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

- a) A competitors meeting will be held at 1900, October 25th at DIYC.
- b) The first warning signal will be at 0900 on October 26th.
- c) The order of the starts will be announced at the competitors' meeting.
- d) The class flags will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

8) RACING AREA

- a) The race will started in the vicinity of DIYC's privately maintained "E" mark, approximately 1.2-nM south of DIYC.
- b) The race area will be Hillsborough Bay, Tampa Bay, and the Gulf of Mexico between Anna Maria Island and Pass-A-Grille.

9) THE COURSES

- a) Courses are described in Attachment A.

- b) For all classes, Cut “C” channel marks in Hillsborough Bay, north of and including #10, must be left to port. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a 10% scoring penalty.

10) THE START

- a) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby starting mark, DIYC’s “e” mark.
- b) A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- c) A boat starting later than 5-minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS; this changes rule A4.
- d) The race committee may attempt to hail boats which are OCS after the starting signal via VHF channel 72. This is a courtesy only; any error or omission of such a hail will not be grounds for redress.
- e) Should weather conditions necessitate a postponement prior to the start, the race committee may move the starting line further up the course by displaying course flag “L” and motoring toward the next mark. In this case, the starting mark will either be a mark of the course, an inflatable buoy, or a nearby government aid. Prior legs will be eliminated from the course.

11) SAFETY

- a) Any competitor who challenges a vessel confined to a ship channel in such a way as to cause the vessel to file a report will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- b) Competitors are advised that that the waters sounding MacDill Air Force Base are restricted.
- c) A competitor who retires from the race prior to finishing shall attempt to notify the race committee as follows:

Race Committee VHF 72 (813) 215-0893

12) THE FINISH

- a) The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and government navigation aid MO(A) “PG” at the entrance of Pass-A-Grille’s North Channel.
- b) Competitors shall attempt hail the race committee on VHF 72 approximately 15-minutes before finishing.
- c) If the finish boat is not on station when a competitor finishes, then the competitor will record their finish time when MO(A) “PG” bears 130°-M and is less than 200-ft in distance. The competitor will use GPS time or present the watch used to the Race Committee. Self-recorded finish times will be reported to Ken Hardy at (813)-215-0893.

13) TIME LIMIT

- a) The time limit for any boat to finish is 0000 October 27th. Any boat who fails to finish by this time will be scored DNF.

14) PROTESTS

- a) Competitors intending to protest will notify the race committee at the finish. If the finish boat is not on station, then the competitor intending the protest will notify the race committee within 30-minutes of finishing by calling (813) 215-0893.
- b) Protest forms must be delivered to the Race Committee before 1000, October 27th in person or via e-mail at khardy@tampatank.com.
- c) Protests will be heard at DIYC on October 28th, at 1900.

15) SCORING

- a) This race will be scored on a “Time on Distance” basis.
- b) The RLC ratings will apply.

16) PENALTY SYSTEM

- a) The Scoring Penalty will apply pursuant to RRS 44.3. The penalty will be 20% or a minimum of 1-place. A competitor taking a penalty will notify the race committee at the finish line or when reporting finish times by telephone.

17) PRIZES

- a) Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.
b) Prizes will be presented at a time and place specified in the Competitor's Meeting.

18) DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

- a) Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, "Decision to Race." The Organizing Authority, or its agents, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Spinnaker Fleets

Total Course Distance 41.8-nM

Mark	Chart Description	Round To	Approximate Location*
Start; DIYC yellow mark "E"	YC "E"		184° and 1.2nM from DIYC
Front range, Big Bend Channel	Q R 25ft	Starboard	131° and 1.0nM from Gadsden Pt
Sunshine Skyway bridge	Sunshine Skyway	Through	Center span of Skyway bridge
Intercostal Waterway "70"	FI R 4s 16ft 3M "70"	Starboard	216° and 3.3nM from Skyway center span
Southwest Channel "4"	R N "4"	Port	101° and 1.7nM from Egmont Key Lighthouse
Southwest Channel G"3"	G"3" Q G Bell	Starboard	141° and 1.7nM from Egmont Key Lighthouse
Southwest Channel G"1"	G "1" FI G 2.5s BELL	Starboard	220° and 4.5nM from Egmont Key Lighthouse
Egmont Channel G"11"	G"11" FI G 6s	Starboard	280° and 4.3nM from Egmont Key Lighthouse
Finish; Pass-a-Grille N. Channel	Mo(A) 16ft 5M "PG"		261° and 1.7nM from S. point of Pass-a-Grill Beach

*Bearings magnetic

Cruising and Racer Cruiser Fleets

Total Course Distance 37.8-nM

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Start; DIYC yellow mark "E"	YC "E"		184° and 1.2nM from DIYC
Front range, Big Bend Channel	Q R 25ft	Starboard	131° and 1.0nM from Gadsden Pt
Sunshine Skyway bridge	Sunshine Skyway	Through	Center span of Skyway bridge
Southwest Channel G"2"	FL R 2.5s 16ft 4M "2"	Starboard	193° and 2.6nM from Egmont Key lighthouse
Egmont Channel G"11"	G"11" FI G 6s	Starboard	280° and 4.3nM from Egmont Key lighthouse
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